



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Office of the Director  
1100 Vermont Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Colleague:

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office) is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the **COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program 2003 (TRGP 2003)**. Thirty-five million dollars is available in Fiscal Year 2003 to address the serious needs of tribal law enforcement. The TRGP 2003 grant program is a comprehensive program that provides a variety of funding options including salary and benefits for new sworn law enforcement officer positions, law enforcement training, uniforms, basic issue equipment, department-wide technology, and vehicles for new and existing officers. The program's aim is to enhance tribal law enforcement infrastructures and community policing efforts.

This program is open to all Federally Recognized Tribes with established police departments. Federally Recognized Tribes that wish to establish police departments and meet specific criteria are also eligible to apply, as are Federally Recognized Tribes that wish to work together and apply as a consortium. In addition, tribes that are currently served by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement may request funding under TRGP 2003 to supplement their existing police services. However, tribes whose law enforcement services are *exclusively* provided by local non-tribal policing agencies through a contract arrangement are not eligible under the program but may apply for law enforcement officer positions under the COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP).

**To be considered for funding, completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2003.** *Due to the potential uncertainty of mail delays still occurring in the Washington, D.C. area, we encourage you to submit your materials by an express or overnight delivery service.* Completed application can be mailed to:

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)  
Attention: Tribal Control Desk, 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

(If sending via an express delivery service, please use 20005 as the zip code.)

The COPS Office looks forward to working with those tribes that apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 800.421.6770.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Peed  
Director  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services